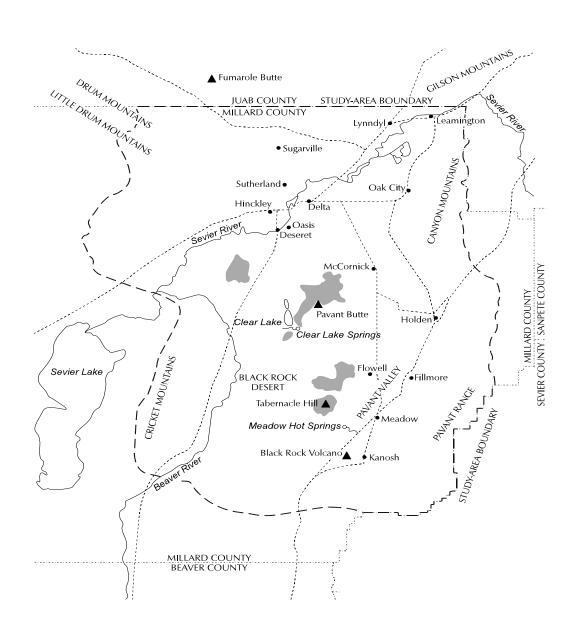


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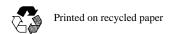
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ABSTRACT

Ground water from the principal unconsolidated basin-fill aquifer system is the most important source of agricultural and culinary water in the Sevier Desert. Recharge and discharge areas for the principal aquifer system were mapped to aid in management of potential contaminant sources to help protect ground-water quality.

The Sevier Desert is on the eastern edge of the Great Basin in east-central Utah. The basin fill consists of lacustrine, deltaic, and alluvial deposits that form aguifers and confining layers. Fractured volcanic rocks are important aquifers in the southern part of the study area. The mountains that surround the Sevier Desert and coarse-grained alluvial fans along the basin's eastern edge make up the primary recharge area. Secondary recharge and discharge areas are on the basin floor, where the principal aquifer system is under generally artesian conditions. Water levels in the principal aquifer system declined from the 1940s to the 1960s when discharge, principally for irrigation, exceeded recharge from precipitation. Water levels rose during wet years in the early to mid-1980s. A long-term decline in water quality is due to concentration of dissolved solids by evaporation, recycling of irrigation water, and recharge by lower quality water.

INTRODUCTION

Background

Ground water from wells is vital to the economy of the Sevier Desert. Springs and streams do not provide sufficient water to meet the agricultural and culinary needs of the area. The principal unconsolidated basin-fill aquifer system, hereafter referred to as the principal aquifer system, is the most important source of ground water. Recharge to the principal aquifer system is from infiltration of surface water, precipitation, and irrigation water near mountain fronts. Recharge areas are typically underlain by fractured rock and/or coarse-grained sediment having

relatively little ability to inhibit infiltration or renovate contaminated water. Ground-water flow in recharge areas has a downward component and relatively fast rate of movement. Because contaminants can readily enter an aquifer system in recharge areas, management of potential contaminant sources in these areas deserves special attention to protect ground-water quality. Ground-water recharge-area mapping defines these vulnerable areas.

Ground-water recharge-area maps typically show: (1) primary recharge areas, (2) secondary recharge areas, and (3) discharge areas (Anderson and others, 1994). Primary recharge areas, commonly the uplands and coarse-grained unconsolidated deposits along basin margins, do not contain thick, continuous, fine-grained layers and have a downward ground-water gradient. Secondary recharge areas, commonly mountain front benches, have fine-grained layers thicker than 20 feet (6 m) and downward groundwater gradients. Ground-water discharge areas are generally in basin lowlands. Discharge areas for unconfined aquifers are where the water table intersects the ground surface, forming springs or seeps. Discharge areas for confined aquifers are where the ground-water gradient is upward and water is discharging to a shallow unconfined aquifer above the upper confining bed, or to a spring. Water from wells which penetrate confined aguifers may flow to the surface naturally. The extent of both recharge and discharge areas may vary seasonally and from dry vears to wet vears.

Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this study is to help state and local government officials and local residents protect ground-water quality in the Sevier Desert by defining recharge areas where ground-water aquifers are vulnerable to contamination. The study is a cooperative effort among the Utah Geological Survey (UGS), the Utah Division of Water Quality (DWQ), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The scope of work included a search for well-log data, a literature review, and field reconnaissance to define general geologic and hydrologic conditions in

the Sevier Desert. We collected logs for water wells drilled in the basin prior to August 1995 from the State Engineer's office. We entered well-log information into a database and plotted well locations on 1:24,000-scale base maps. Generalized recharge- and discharge-area boundaries were then drawn and digitized, along with well locations, into the State Geographic Information Database.

Sevier River in the western part of the Sevier Desert. The Sevier River in the western part of the study area is usually dry due to irrigation withdrawals and evaporation, but in wet years it flows to Sevier Lake, a playa west of the study area. Many small ephemeral streams flow from the mountains into the Sevier Desert during spring.

Setting

The study area is the southern part of the Sevier Desert in eastern Millard County, including Pahvant Valley and the northern Black Rock Desert (figure 1). The study area includes about 2,700 square miles (7,000 km²) of the Sevier River drainage basin.

Physiography and Drainage

The Sevier Desert is in the eastern part of the Great Basin section of the Basin and Range physiographic province. The Pahvant and Canyon Ranges make up the eastern border. To the southwest and northwest are the Cricket and Little Drum Mountains, respectively. Hills and volcanic rocks between the Pahvant Range and the Cricket Mountains form the southern divide. The study area ends at the Juab County line to the north. The main source of surface water is the Sevier River which flows from the high plateaus to the east into the northeast corner of study area through Leamington Canyon. Beaver River enters the study area from the south, flows through the Black Rock Desert and, during high precipitation years, joins the

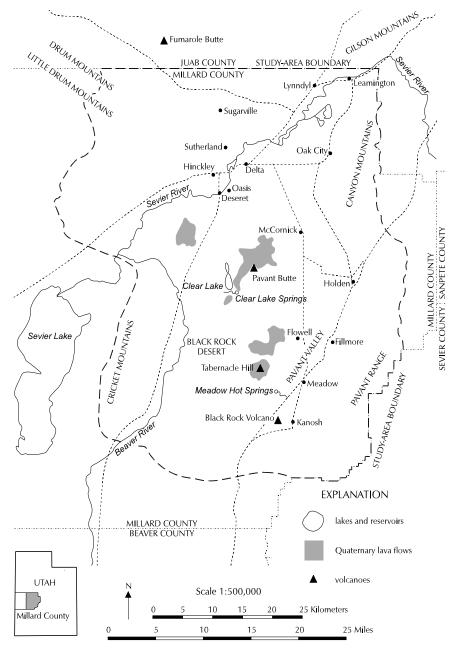


Figure 1. Map of the southern Sevier Desert study area.

Climate

Annual precipitation on the semiarid basin floor is 8.11 inches (20.6 cm) in Delta, and 8.91 inches (22.6 cm) at Clear Lake. Located at the base of the relatively humid eastern mountains, Fillmore and Oak City receive an average 16.00 and 11.59 inches (40.6 cm and 29.4 cm) of annual precipitation, respectively (Ashcroft and others, 1992). The Canyon Mountains and Pahvant Range, on the eastern side of the study area, receive over 30 inches (75 cm) of precipitation annually at the highest elevations (Ashcroft and others, 1992). Temperatures in the Sevier Desert are generally mild, rarely above 100°F (38°C) or dropping below 0°F (-18°C), and averaging around 50°F (10°C) over the year (Ashcroft and others, 1992).

Land Use

Approximately 11,000 people live in the study area. Delta and Fillmore are the largest cities, having

2,998 and 1,956 people in 1990, respectively (Utah League of Cities and Towns, 1993). Few people live in the Black Rock Desert area. Agriculture is the main land use and source of income. The Intermountain Power Project began operating in 1986. This coalburning electric plant, northeast of Delta, employs 600 people. Economic deposits of sand and gravel, gold, lime, and salt are mined in the Sevier Desert.

Previous Studies

The ground-water hydrology of the northern part of the study area has been studied by Mower and Feltis (1968) and Holmes (1984). Mower (1965) and Holmes and Thiros (1990) examined the ground-water hydrology of Pahvant Valley. Other hydrologic studies that involve parts of the Sevier Desert include: Meinzer (1911), Nelson (1952), Handy and others (1969), Bedinger and others (1984a,b), Thompson and Nuter (1984), and Gates (1987).

Canvon Mountains NORTH Sevier River Water table of Phreatophytes Potentiometric surface Fractured bedrock Shallow unconfined aquifer of principal aquife Unconsolidated deposits Upper artesian aquifer Principal valley-fill aquifer system Confining bed **PRIMARY** Lower artesian aquifer RECHARGE AREA **SECONDARY RECHARGE AREA DISCHARGE AREA**

Figure 2. Schematic block diagram showing direction of ground-water flow in the Sevier Desert.

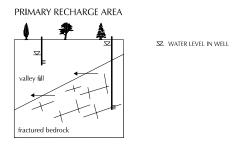
The bedrock and surficial geology of the Sevier Desert have been mapped at various scales. In this study I used only regional-scale geologic maps. Oviatt (1989, 1991) mapped the Quaternary geology for the area west of Delta and the Black Rock Desert. Bedrock geology was mapped by Steven and Morris (1983) and Morris (1987).

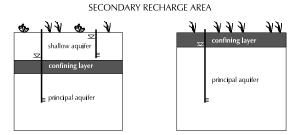
METHODS

The methods used in this study for identifying confining layers, classifying aquifers, and delineating recharge and discharge areas are modified from those of Anderson and others (1994). This study is concerned with the principal aguifer system and local overlying shallow unconfined aquifers (figure 2). The principal aquifer system is the most

important source of ground water, and may be confined or unconfined. The principal aquifer system begins at the mountain fronts surrounding the basin where coarse-grained alluvial-fan sediments predominate and ground water is generally unconfined. In the center of the basin, fine-grained silt and clay strata form confining layers above and within the principal aquifer system. Water in sediments above the top confining layer is in a shallow unconfined aquifer. This is generally a less important source of drinking water.

I used drillers' logs of water wells to delineate primary or secondary recharge areas and discharge areas, based on the presence of confining layers and relative water levels in the principal and shallow unconfined aquifers. I compiled a database of well-log information (appendix). The use of drillers' logs requires interpretation because of the variable quality of the logs. Correlation of geology from well logs is difficult because lithologic descriptions are generalized





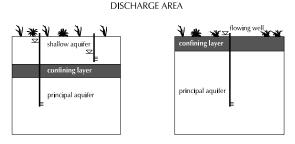


Figure 3. Relative water levels in wells in recharge and discharge areas.

and commonly inconsistent among various drillers. The use of water-level data from well logs is also problematic because levels in the shallow unconfined aquifer are often not recorded and because water levels were measured during different seasons and years.

Confining layers are any fine-grained (clay and/or silt) layer thicker than 20 feet (6 m) (Anderson and others, 1994). Sometimes a driller will note both clay and sand along the same interval on logs, without giving relative percentages; these are not classified as confining layers (Anderson and others, 1994). If both are checked and the word "sandy" is written in the remarks column, then the layer is assumed to be primarily a clay confining layer (Anderson and others, 1994). Sometimes a driller will mark both clay and gravel, cobbles, or boulders; these also are not classified as confining layers, although, in some areas in the Sevier Desert, layers of clay containing gravel, cobbles, or boulders behave as confining layers.

The primary recharge area for the principal aguifer system is the uplands surrounding the basin, and basin fill not containing confining layers, generally along mountain fronts (figure 3). Ground-water flow in primary recharge areas has a downward component. If present, secondary recharge areas are where there are confining layers, but ground-water flow still has a downward component. Secondary recharge areas generally extend toward the center of the basin to the point where the ground-water-flow gradient is upward (figure 3). The ground-water-flow gradient, also called the hydraulic gradient, is upward when the potentiometric surface of the principal aquifer system is higher than the water table in the shallow unconfined aguifer (Anderson and others, 1994). Water-level data for the shallow unconfined aquifer are not common but can be found on some well logs. When the confining layer extends to the ground surface, secondary recharge areas are where the potentiometric surface in the principal aquifer system is below the ground surface.

Ground-water-discharge areas, if present, are generally at lower elevations than recharge areas. In discharge areas, the water in confined aquifers discharges to the land surface or to a shallow unconfined aquifer (figure 3). For this to happen, the hydraulic head in the principal aquifer system must be higher than the water table in the shallow unconfined aquifer. Otherwise, downward pressure from the

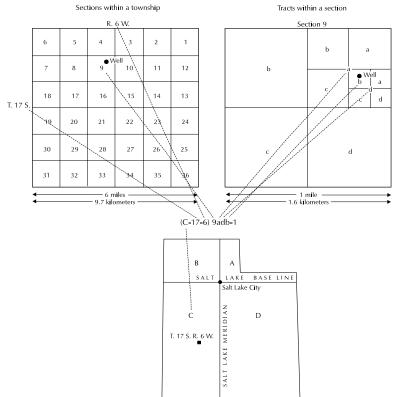


Figure 4. Numbering system for wells in Utah (see text for additional explanation).

shallow aguifer will exceed the upward pressure from the confined aquifer, creating a net downward gradient indicative of secondary recharge areas. Flowing (artesian) wells, indicative of discharge areas, are marked on drillers' logs and sometimes on U.S. Geological Survey 7.5' quadrangle maps. Wells with potentiometric surfaces above the top of the confining layer can be identified from well logs. Surface water. springs, or phreatophytic plants (wetlands) can be another indicator of ground-water discharge. In some instances, however, this discharge may be from a shallow unconfined aquifer. It is necessary to understand the topography, surficial geology, and ground-water hydrology before using these wetlands to indicate discharge from the principal aquifer system.

I generally did not map small secondary recharge or discharge areas defined by local clay layers in only a few wells where surrounded completely by primary recharge areas, because contaminants entering the aquifer system above these clay layers of local extent still have a high potential to reach primary recharge areas.

The numbering system for wells in this study is based on the Federal Government cadastral land-survey system that divides Utah into four quadrants (A-D) separated by the Salt Lake Base Line and Meridian (figure 4). The study area is entirely within the southwestern quadrant (C). The wells are numbered with this quadrant letter C, followed by township and range enclosed in parentheses. The next set of characters indicates the section, guarter section, quarter-quarter section, and quarter-quarterquarter section designated by a through d. indicating the northeastern, northwestern, southwestern, and southeastern quadrants, respectively. A number after the hyphen corresponds to an individual well within a quarter-quarter section. For example, the well (C-17-6) 9adb-1 would be the first well in the northwestern quarter of the southeastern quarter of the northeastern quarter of section 9, Township 17 South. Range 6 West (NW1/4SE1/4NE1/4 section 9, T. 17 S, R. 6. W).

GEOLOGY

Bedrock

The Sevier Desert is a complexly faulted structural basin typical of the Basin and Range province of Utah and Nevada. It is surrounded by mountain ranges and contains thick unconsolidated and volcanic basin-fill deposits. Active faulting and volcanism have occurred during the Quaternary Period.

Bedrock of the mountains surrounding the Sevier Desert ranges in age from Precambrian to Tertiary. The Cricket Mountains consist primarily of Cambrian limestone and quartzite (Steven and Morris, 1983). The Pahvant Range includes this Cambrian limestone and quartzite, some Devonian dolomite and quartzite, and Cretaceous and Tertiary sedimentary rocks of the Price River, North Horn, Flagstaff, and Green River Formations (Steven and Morris, 1983). The Canyon Mountains are the type locality for the Canyon Range Formation, a Cretaceous to Tertiary conglomerate that crops out extensively in the northern part of the range. Precambrian and Cambrian quartzite and limestone, and Devonian dolomite, are also found in the Canyon Range (Morris, 1987). The Little Drum Mountains generally consist of Tertiary ash-flow tuff, but contain some Precambrian to Cambrian quartzite,

limestone, and shale (Morris, 1987).

Of great importance to the Sevier Desert ground-water system are recent Tertiary- and Quaternary-age volcanic rocks in the south and northwest (figure 1). Pahvant Valley is bordered to the west by several large basalt flows and tuff cones. A local landmark, Pahvant Butte, formed as lava and tuff erupted into Lake Bonneville approximately 15,500 yr B.P. (Oviatt, 1989). The associated ash and basalt flows cover much of the surface of the Sevier Desert. Tabernacle Hill, 5 miles (8 km) west of Meadow, erupted basalt into Lake Bonneville at the Provo level in late Pleistocene time (14,500 to 14,000 yr B.P.) (Oviatt, 1991). Eruption of the Ice Springs basalt flow west of Flowell is the most recent volcanic event in the area, occurring about 660 yr B.P. (Valastro and others, 1972). This basalt covers more than 20 square miles (50 km²) and consists of angular (aa) and ropy (pahoehoe) flows. Beaver Ridge and the Coyote Hills in the far southern part of the Black Rock Desert consist of Pleistocene and Pliocene andesite, rhyolite, and basalt (Oviatt, 1991). Other Pliocene and Pleistocene volcanics are in the Smelter Knolls and Little Drum Mountains in the northwestern corner of the study area (Oviatt 1989, 1991).

Unconsolidated Sediments

The basin fill of the Sevier Desert consists of lacustrine and deltaic sediments deposited during several Pleistocene lake cycles, and interlacustrine fluvial and alluvial-fan deposits. Volcanic ash layers within lake deposits are continuous marker beds found in much of the basin. The area stratigraphy provides an excellent record of the Quaternary history of lakes in the area. Eolian sand, mostly reworked deltaic deposits, is found in the northwestern part of the study area (Oviatt, 1989).

Fine-grained lacustrine deposits of Pliocene to Pleistocene age are widespread in the Sevier Desert (Oviatt, 1989). Deposits of the most recent lake, Lake Bonneville, can be differentiated from those of pre-Bonneville lakes. The older lacustrine sediments are calcareous clay, silt, and sand, and indurated nearshore limestone deposited in a pre-Bonneville lake or lakes (Oviatt, 1989). Fine- to coarse-grained deposits associated with Lake Bonneville overlie these older sediments. Bonneville deposits include deepwater white marl, nearshore sand and gravel, and lagoonal silt, sand, and clay (Oviatt, 1989).

Deltaic sediments were deposited where the Sevier and Beaver Rivers flowed into Lake Bonneville. A large silt and fine sand regressive underflow fan-delta stretches from Leamington Canyon to Delta (Oviatt, 1989). Coarse-grained fan-delta sand and gravel were deposited by the Beaver and Sevier Rivers during the Bonneville regression (Oviatt, 1989, 1991).

Alluvial-fan and fluvial sediments were deposited in the Sevier Desert during interlacustrine periods, and overlie and interbed with lacustrine deposits. Most of the surface sediments in the study area are post-Bonneville sand, silt, and clay floodplain, channel, or overbank deposits of the Sevier and Beaver Rivers (Oviatt, 1989, 1991). These deposits are largely reworked lacustrine deposits, so their hydrologic characteristics and appearance are similar.

GROUND WATER

The majority of the wells in the Sevier Desert tap unconsolidated basin-fill aquifers. These aquifers can be divided into two types: the shallow unconfined aquifer, and the principal aquifer system. The latter can be further divided into the upper and lower artesian aquifers in the northeastern part of the study area (figure 2). Some wells in Pahvant Valley tap a fractured-volcanic-rock aquifer. Water enters the aquifers from the Sevier River east of Leamington, seepage from ephemeral mountain streams and irrigation, and infiltration of precipitation.

Ground-water quality in the Sevier Desert varies considerably due to concentration of salts by evaporation near the surface and arsenic contamination from volcanic rocks (Holmes, 1984). Drinking-water and ground-water protection regulations in Utah classify ground water, based largely on totaldissolved-solids concentrations, as follows: class IA (pristine), less than 500 mg/L; class II (drinking water quality), 500 to 3,000 mg/L; class III (limited use), 3.000 to 10,000 mg/L; and class IV (saline), more than 10,000 mg/L. Class IA and II waters are considered suitable for drinking, provided concentrations of individual contaminants do not exceed state and federal groundwater-quality standards. Water having total-dissolvedsolids concentrations in the higher part of the class II range is generally suitable for drinking water only if treated, but it can be used for some agricultural or industrial purposes without treatment. Most ground water in the Sevier Desert is class IA and II.

Fractured-Rock Aquifers

Fractured-rock aquifers in the Sevier Desert include sedimentary and metasedimentary rocks in surrounding mountains and underlying the basin fill, and Cenozoic volcanic rocks overlying and interbedded with the basin fill. Few wells are drilled into fracturedrock aguifers in the Sevier Desert, due to the thickness and productivity of basin-fill aquifers. Several springs and wells in Pahvant Valley receive water from fractured basalt, which is an important aguifer that both recharges and receives water from the principal aquifer Springs discharge from bedrock in the system. mountains surrounding the Sevier Desert. Little is known about the quantity of water within or the characteristics of fractured-rock aquifers in the mountains.

Aquifer Characteristics

Wells and springs in volcanic rocks can yield large amounts of water. Clear Lake Springs discharges about 9,900 gallons per minute (625 L/s) from the Pahvant Butte basalt (Holmes, 1984). Many other productive springs are associated with volcanic rocks in the Sevier Desert. Pumped wells in fractured basalt near Flowell in Pahvant Valley yield over 3,000 gallons per minute (200 L/s), and have transmissivities of 3,000,000 square feet per day (280,000 m²/day) (Mower, 1965). These large values are likely from wells tapping highly fractured volcanic rock. Hydraulic characteristics are unavailable for aquifers in the sedimentary and metamorphic rocks in the surrounding mountains.

Recharge and Discharge

The volcanic-rock aquifers have a direct hydraulic connection to the basin-fill aquifers in many parts of the Sevier Desert. Clear Lake Springs discharges water that flows west from the Pahvant Valley unconsolidated basin-fill aquifer through the Pahvant Butte basalt aquifer (Mower and Feltis, 1968). Some recharge also comes from direct precipitation on volcanic rock. Discharge from fractured bedrock aquifers in the mountains surrounding the Sevier Desert is probably an important source of recharge to the basin-fill aquifer, but its relative contribution is unknown (Mower and Feltis, 1968).

Water Quality

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both discharge from volcanic rock in the northern Black Rock Desert. Enright and Holmes (1982) report total dissolved solids of 1,970 and 2,030 mg/L, respectively. In Pahvant Valley, wells drawing water from basalt range from 528 to 4,490 mg/L total dissolved solids (Mower, 1965). These values are higher than two springs with total dissolved solids of 523 and 331 mg/L that discharge from sedimentary rocks in the Canyon Mountains (Enright and Holmes, 1982). In general, volcanic-rock aquifers have more total dissolved solids than unconsolidated basin-fill or other fractured-rock aquifers (Holmes, 1984). Arsenic in water in some wells in or near volcanic rocks is believed to have been leached from the rocks (Holmes, 1984).

Unconsolidated Basin-Fill Aquifers

The unconsolidated basin-fill aquifers are the most important sources of water in the Sevier Desert.

Aquifer Characteristics

The basin fill consists predominantly of lacustrine, deltaic, and alluvial deposits. In general, the coarser material is in alluvial fans along the mountain fronts, and the finer material is in lacustrine deposits in the central portions of the basin. Thick, fine-grained confining layers are present throughout much of the Sevier Desert, and artesian conditions are widespread.

The northeastern part of the study area has two aquifers that make up the principal unconsolidated basin-fill aguifer system, overlain locally by shallow unconfined aquifers (figure 2). The principal aquifers are predominantly sand and gravel, and the intervening and overlying confining layers are mostly silt and clay, although the boundaries between aquifers and confining layers are commonly indistinct. The confining layer that separates the upper artesian aquifer from the lower artesian aquifer near Lynndyl is 400 to 500 feet (120-150 m) thick (Mower and Feltis, 1968). The water table in the shallow unconfined aquifer is about 50 feet (15 m) below the land surface (Holmes, 1984). The basin fill fines toward the center and western part of the study area where the aquifers contain more silt and clay. The confining layer between the aguifers thins to 100 to 175 feet (30 to 55 m) at Sugarville, and may not be present in the northwestern part of the study area where the upper and lower artesian aguifers are hydraulically connected (Mower and Feltis, 1968).

Transmissivity of the upper artesian aquifer ranges from 47,000 square feet per day (4,400 m²/day) near Lynndyl to 3,600 square feet per day (340 m²/day) west of Sugarville (Holmes, 1984). Transmissivities for the lower artesian aquifer range from 27,000 square feet per day (2,500 m²/day) near Lynndyl to 2,000 square feet per day (190 m²/day) south of Delta (Holmes, 1984). These values are consistent with the observation that the aquifers fine toward the center of the basin.

In Pahvant Valley, there is one principal aquifer, composed primarily of alluvial-fan sand and gravel. Lake Bonneville did not reach the base of the Pahvant Range, and the basin fill above the Provo shoreline (4,830 feet [1,470 m]) is coarse and the principal basinfill aguifer is unconfined. In the confined system, near Flowell, the principal basin-fill aquifer is 140 to 200 feet (40-60 m) deep, with 15 to 75 feet (5-23 m) of clay overlying it (Holmes and Thiros, 1990). West of Flowell and Kanosh, coarse deposits thin and lacustrine clays restrict vertical ground-water flow, causing the potentiometric surface of the confined principal aquifer system to be greater than 50 feet (15 m) above the land surface (Mower, 1965; Holmes and Thiros, 1990). Pump tests on wells in the basin-fill aguifer in Pahvant Valley yielded a range of transmissivities from 2,000 to 40,000 square feet per day (200-4,000 m²/day) (Mower, 1965). The low values in this range indicate sand and gravel aquifers having a high percentage of fines.

Recharge and Discharge

Ground water in the Sevier Desert generally moves with the Sevier and Beaver Rivers to the west toward Sevier Lake. Water enters the system as ephemeral stream runoff from the mountains (including those north of the study area), infiltration from rivers and irrigation, direct precipitation on the valley floor, and subsurface inflow from bedrock. Water leaves through evapotranspiration, discharge to rivers, and subsurface outflow to Sevier Lake (Holmes, 1984; Holmes and Thiros, 1990).

The main source of recharge to the principal aquifer system is seepage from intermittent streams from the surrounding mountains during spring snowmelt (Mower, 1965; Holmes, 1984). Most of the small mountain streams lose their surface flow when they cross onto coarse-grained alluvial-fan deposits at the basin margins. Ephemeral streams also flow from mountains north of the study area and recharge the basin-fill aquifers. The Sevier River does not provide

much recharge to the basin-fill aquifers directly. Some water enters the aquifers at the mouth of Leamington Canyon, but generally the Sevier River gains water from subsurface inflow and loses water to irrigation (Holmes, 1984).

Infiltration of water from reservoirs, unconsumed irrigation, and canal leakage provides recharge to the shallow unconfined aquifer in the center of the basin, where thick confining layers and upward ground-water gradients impede recharge to the principal aquifer system. These sources, including the Central Utah Canal, provide significant local recharge to the principal aquifer system along its eastern margin from Leamington to Kanosh (Mower, 1965; Holmes, 1984). This is a wide primary recharge area, created by coarse proximal delta sediments and alluvial fans (plate 1). Some of this area, especially east of Fillmore, is above the Lake Bonneville highstand, so fine-grained lacustrine deposits are not present.

Direct precipitation on the basin floor is an insignificant source of recharge in most of the basin (Mower, 1965; Holmes, 1984). Approximately 5 percent of the precipitation that falls on the coarsegrained alluvial fans above 4,800 feet (1,440 m) in Pahvant Valley recharges the principal aquifer (Holmes and Thiros, 1990). Subsurface inflow from the volcanic rocks within the basin and sedimentary rocks in the surrounding mountain ranges is a source of recharge, but its relative contribution is unknown.

Ground water discharges through evapotranspiration, springs and seepage to rivers, subsurface outflow, and wells. Evapotranspiration by phreatophytes varies with depth to ground water, salinity, and vegetation, but is a large part of the annual discharge. Seepage to the Sevier River is also a source of discharge. Water re-enters the river as subsurface inflow near Leamington and in the central part of the basin where the water table is shallow (Holmes, 1984). Water exits the study area along the western edge through subsurface outflow. Discharge to wells varies greatly, depending on the amount of available surface water in a given year, which causes great fluctuations in water levels as discussed below.

The low-elevation parts of the Sevier Desert around Delta and Pahvant Valley are discharge areas or secondary recharge areas (plate 1). The generally fine-grained sediments confine the aquifers, and many wells in the area flow or have historically flowed to the surface.

Water-Level Changes

The Sevier Desert has had some declines in water levels since pumping for irrigation began in the 1940s. A long period of below-average precipitation from about 1948 to 1966 caused many wells to stop flowing and reduced water levels in wells as much as 50 feet (15 m) (Batty and others, 1993). Heavy pumping for irrigation during dry years has also caused some changes in ground-water flow direction in Pahvant Valley near Kanosh and Flowell (Holmes and Thiros, 1990). Studies done by the U.S. Geological Survey in the 1960s for the Sevier Desert near Delta (Mower and Feltis, 1968) and Pahvant Valley (Mower, 1965) documented areas where wells had ceased to flow. I classified these areas as secondary recharge areas for this study because of the current downward hydraulic gradient (plate 1). Gates (1987) reports speculation in the 1960s that mining of ground water in the Sevier Desert had begun, and these observed declines would be permanent. However, several years of above-average and record precipitation in the early to mid-1980s raised water levels in most aguifers to their 1940s and 1950s levels (Batty and others, 1993). Two interrelated factors are responsible for this recovery (Gates, 1987). First, increased precipitation provided more water to recharge the principal aquifer system. Second, increased surface-water flow reduced the need to pump ground-water reservoirs for irrigation, allowing water levels to stabilize and rise. Average annual ground-water withdrawals in the study area from 1980 to 1986 were one-third to two-thirds of average withdrawals from 1973 to 1979 (Gates, 1987). From 1988 to 1993 precipitation in the area was below average, and in many areas water levels have begun to decline again, and these fluctuations will likely continue (Holmes and Thiros, 1990; Batty and others, 1993).

Water Quality

Water quality in the Sevier Desert varies with location and depth. Total dissolved solids range from 200 to 20,000 mg/L (Mower, 1965; Holmes, 1984). The high values are from the shallow unconfined aquifer at the western edge of the study area near Sevier Lake. Salts are concentrated by evaporation near the surface. In general, the worst quality water is in the shallow unconfined aquifer, which is partially recharged by returned irrigation water (Mower, 1965; Holmes, 1984). The best ground water in the study area is in the lower artesian aquifer between Lynndyl and Delta (Holmes, 1984).

An area of lower quality ground water in Pahvant Valley was documented by Holmes and Thiros (1990). Wells in the farming area 5 miles (8 km) west of Kanosh have had increases in the concentration of sodium, chloride, and sulfate, causing an increase in total dissolved solids from 2,000 mg/L in the 1950s to over 6,000 mg/L at present. This decline in water quality has been attributed to two factors: (1) recharge by poor-quality water to the southwest and west during years of large withdrawals, and (2) concentration of solids in irrigation water through evaporation (Holmes and Thiros, 1990).

Nitrate concentrations are relatively high, ranging from 4 to 22 mg/L, in the Oak City area (Holmes, 1984). This is a primary recharge area, and it may be that septic-tank effluent and irrigation water are contributing to recharge of the principal aquifer system (Holmes, 1984).

Potential for Water-Quality Degradation

Holmes (1984) documents a long-term decline in water quality in the Sevier Desert. He attributes this to poor-quality water from the Sevier River, irrigation, canals, and reservoirs recharging the system. The nitrate contamination in Oak City may be an early warning of the problems associated with agriculture or rural waste-water disposal in primary recharge areas. The principal aguifer system in the populated and cultivated part of the Sevier Desert, particularly around Delta, is protected from downward leakage of contaminants by confining layers. However, the contaminants entering the system in the primary recharge area along the eastern margin of the basin may eventually reach the principal aguifer system beneath Delta.

Another related reason for the decline in water quality may be the very tight recharge and discharge budget. During dry years, water levels in wells drop, indicating a lack of recharge. The poor-quality water near Kanosh is the result of large withdrawals reversing ground-water flow, causing recharge from areas of lower quality water. Pumped poor-quality water is used to irrigate fields, where much of it re-enters the system, after concentration of dissolved solids by evaporation at the surface. The increased flow of the Sevier River during wet years can be used for irrigation, allowing the wells to rebound, and bringing new, higher quality water into the system. In a long-term drought, however, this cycle may be broken and water quality may decline more rapidly.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The principal aquifer system of the Sevier Desert is made up of unconsolidated basin-fill sediments of lacustrine, deltaic, and alluvial origin. Fine-grained layers form confining beds that separate the principal aquifer system near Delta into lower and upper artesian aquifers, and separate them from shallow unconfined aquifers. Fractured volcanic rocks are an important aquifer in the western Pahvant Valley. Little is known about fractured-bedrock aquifers in the sur-rounding mountains and underlying basin fill.

Primary recharge areas for the principal aquifer system are generally along the mountain front on the east side of the study area. Secondary recharge areas and discharge areas are on the basin floor. Water enters the system from the north, east, and south and exits toward Sevier Lake to the west. Water levels in wells decline during dry periods, but rebound in years of above-average precipitation. Water quality is best in the lower artesian aquifer, and worst in the shallow unconfined aquifer near Sevier Lake and the principal aquifer near Kanosh. Increased salinity and nitrate contamination in the Sevier Desert are probably due to concentration of salts by evaporation, recycling of irrigation water, and recharge by poor-quality water.

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APPENDIX

Records of Wells, Sevier Desert, Millard County, Utah

Site number: See plate 1 for well location. Wells not used to define recharge and discharge areas are not plotted.

Local well number: See text for explanation of numbering system.

Elevation: In feet above sea level. Well depth: In feet below land surface.

Recharge area: Y, primary recharge area; 1, secondary recharge area; N, discharge area; 2, well completed in shallow unconfined aquifer.

Water level: In feet below land surface, or feet above land surface for "+" values; +F, flowing well.

Top of confining layer: Depth to first confining layer, in feet below land surface.

Bottom of confining layer: Depth to bottom of first confining layer, in feet below land surface.

Depth to bedrock: In feet below land surface; N, bedrock not encountered.

Top of perforations: Depth to top of perforations, in feet below land surface.

Bottom of perforations: Depth to bottom of all perforations, in feet below land surface; MI, multiple perforated intervals, below bottom of uppermost perforated interval.

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Depth to bedrock (ft)	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	Z	z	z	z	z	483	z	Z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	344	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z
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Elev- ation (ft)	4575	5477	4575	4775	4770	4775	4755	4785	4670	4700	4780	4780	4745	4745	4755	4735	4810	4590	4585	4585	4587	4585	4580	4582	4580	4567	4580	4920	4860	4850	4843	4860	4800	4800	4866	4850	4836	4830	4825	4790	4815	4845
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215	(C-20-5) 24cad-1	1950	4765	171	-	37	08/00/20	10	54	169	:	-		1
216	(C-20-5) 25acb-1	1945	4775	82	_	46	05/12/45	0	42	z	75	80		
217	(C-20-5) 25baa-1	1950	4765	205	Y	35	08/00/80	:	ł	196	;	ł		
218	(C-20-5) 26aac-1	1948	4760	72	Y	35	04/00/48	:	ł	z	;	ŀ		
219	(C-20-5) 26add-1	1950	4761	314	Y	37	03/08/20	ı	;	190	214	314		
220	(C-20-5) 26cdc-1	1963	4745	86	Y	92	07/20/63	:	i	z	1	ı		
221	(C-20-5) 26dcc-1	1949	4760	107	_	8.3	05/09/49	35	80	z	;	ł		
222	(C-20-5) 26ddd-1	1952	4787	250	_	11	06/03/52	21	80	Z	80	140 MI		
223	(C-20-5) 27baa-1	1953	4685	09	-	15	11/15/53	28	50	Z	ŀ	:		
224	(C-20-5) 27bac-1	1961	4680	485	_	7	07/20/61	-	25	473	;	1		
225	(C-20-5) 27dcc-1	9261	4690	120	z	27	01/05/76	55	85	z	105	120		
226	(C-20-5) 28adc-1	1984	4665	380	z	10	06/25/84	150	235	z	360	380		
227	(C-20-5) 28add-1	8/61	4670	350	Y	70	02/01/78	ŀ	;	z	290	350		
228	(C-20-5) 29adc-1	1958	4655	200	z	1 +	04/25/58	43	105	z	ł	I	lava 8-43	
229	(C-20-5) 32cbb-1	1953	4639	942	z	0	06/20/52	81	160	z	;	ł		
230	(C-20-5) 34ccc-1	6261	4670	225		35	61/11/10	3	45	z	115	190		
231	(C-20-5) 35bab-1	1992	4740	165	¥	75	05/05/92	i	1	z	145	165		
232	(C-20-6) 21ada-1	1982	4880	1000	\	1	1	:	;	540	;	;	basalt	
233	(C-20-7) 11aab-1	1982	4610	1000	\	ł	1	}	ı	z	1	ı	basalt	
234	(C-20-8) 7aba-1	1959	4580	544	-	ŧ	1	14	101	z	;	;		
235	(C-20-8) 28bcd-1	1979	4613	159	-	40	12/00/79	0	27	z	308	;		
236	(C-21-4) 3ccd-1	1980	5270	205	-	20	08/30/80	8	34	z	50	205		
237	(C-21-4) 7bbc-1	1950	4916	93	>	89	02/16/50	:	ŀ	z	55	55		
238	(C-21-4) 7dbc-1	1991	4950	168	-	70	05/23/91	45	110	155	92	165		
239	(C-21-4) 7ddb-1	1973	4960	144	Y	96	04/30/73	;	ŀ	z	06	141		
240	(C-21-4) 8bcc-1	1948	5010	114	_	99	12/22/48	0	36	z	;	;		
241	(C-21-4) 8dcc-1	8/61	5050	445	¥	158	81/60/11	;	;	z	398	445 MI		
242	(C-21-4) 17baa-1	1955	5050	140	_	82	11/20/55	12	100	z	:	;		
243	(C-21-4) 17cdd-1	1955	2060	222	Y	65	05/00/55	;	;	211	29	211		
244	(C-21-4) 18bbc-1	1970	4940	140	¥	113	02/15/70	;	ł	z	115	140		
245	(C-21-5) 1cbb-1	9261	4920	102	\	46	02/07/76	;	ţ	z	85	100		
246	(C-21-5) 3bbb-1	1957	4680	105	_	25	10/26/57	-	40	z	78	95 MI		
247	(C-21-5) 3bcb-1	1992	4690	220	-	35	09/01/92	-	70	z	70	200 MI		
248	(C-21-5) 5abd-1	1960	4645	206	¥	44	04/10/60	1	;	z	32	78 MI		
249	(C-21-5) 5bdb-1	1974	4640	263	-	25	04/14/74	4	40	z	55	210		
250	(C-21-5) 5dcb-1	1961	4655	265	z	32	11/01/61	65	140	z	165	546		
251	(C-21-5) 6caa-1	1956	4640	06	Y	45	06/03/56	ł	1	z	ŀ	ł	lava	
252	(C-21-5) 6ccc-1	1981	4650	001	Y	25	05/19/81	ŀ	ì	z	89	93	lava	
253	(C-21-5) 7cdd-1	1953	4650	96	-	41	03/17/53	9	27	27	1	1	lava	
254	(C-21-5) 8add-1	1963	4690	270	_	59	12/28/63	20	220	z	215	242		
255	(C-21-5) 8bab-1	9961	4655	322	-	80	05/03/66	75	135	z	300	319		
256	(C-21-5) 8ccd-1	1959	4670	278	_	33	65/00/90	33	ST	z	33	ST		

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Bottom of perforations (ft)	160	180	145	160	220	:	181	265 MI	230	240	!	206 MI	169	:	252 MI	500 MI	;	;	1	ł	:	88	650	ţ	209	240	252	148	480	:	220	168	251 MI	605	200	1	402	300	257	424	393	598
Top of perfor-ations (ft)	140	160	116	115	190	ı	115	150	191	205	;	19	127	134	115	06	1	1	1	75	80	55	425	:	420	235	237	133	430	ł	200	138	170	335	180	1	115	300	9	330	249	350
Depth to bedrock (ft)	z	z	z	z	Z	z	z	265	z	z	z	305	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	Z	z	z	z	z
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Well depth (ft)	091	180	240	160	220	230	185	325	232	240	135	417	175	137	256	202	223	198	224	06	110	135	0/9	520	615	240	252	150	480	213	220	168	251	630	200	120	410	510	257	435	406	865
Elev- ation (ft)	4690	4700	4830	4860	4860	4860	4900	4900	4870	4870	4790	4800	4790	4760	4720	4710	4750	4780	4700	4665	4665	4670	4670	4655	4665	4700	4690	4685	4675	4705	4705	4760	4735	4716	4810	4780	4865	4750	4740	4705	4690	4705
Year well drilled	1980	1977	1970	1987	1972	1960	1973	6961	1978	1977	1951	1986	1963	1960	1970	1982	6261	1981	1978	1978	1861	1953	1955	1951	1954	1984	1978	1978	1953	1961	1861	1973	1965	5561	1980	1960	1970	1956	1974	1961	1978	1955
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Elev- ation (ft)	9007	1090	4090	4710	4/40	6/17	4723	4730	4750	4780	4840	4642	4660	4660	4675	4660	4670	4636	4645	4700	4650	4780	4795	4900	4840	4785	4775	4745	4726	4721	4750	4725	4730	4752	4880	4735	4755	4745	4755	4780	4800	4840	4900

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Site	Local well	Vear	Klev.	Well	Rp.	Water	Wafer-	Ton of	Bottom of	Denth to	Ton of	Rottom of	Notes	
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341	(C-22-5) 22dcc-1	1953	4880	340	¥	45	08/10/53		:	z	290	340		20
342	(C-22-5) 22ddc-1	1974	4900	205	_	140	10/30/74	5	41	z	55	200		
343	(C-22-5) 23acb-1	1959	5030	260	Y	180	07/00/29	1	ţ	z	135	135		
344	(C-22-5) 23bca-1	1959	4970	240	_	42	09/15/59	&	32	z	80	80		
345	(C-22-5) 23ccc-2	1861	4940	091		120	04/24/81	32	130	z	140	160		
346	(C-22-5) 26bbb-1	1992	4960	200	Y	149	05/10/92	;	ł	z	180	200		
347	(C-22-5) 27aac-1	1985	4900	140	Y	99	11/01/85	:	ī	z	120	140		
348	(C-22-5) 28adc-1	161	4815	300	Y	69	09/23/77	;	!	z	190	300		
349	(C-22-5) 29bcd-1	161	4770	387	-	25	12/13/71	5	35	z	250	385		
350	(C-22-5) 29cdd-1	1975	4775	380	_	25	06/29/75	2	09	z	170	369		
351	(C-22-5) 29daa-1	1953	4880	265	z	+5	06/15/53	28	147	z	;	ı		
352	(C-22-5) 32cdd-1	1956	4810	256	z	46	11/00/56	1	:	z	89	246		
353	(C-22-5) 32dac-1	1937	4805	182	-	36	08/08/37	3	37	z	65	178 MI		
354	(C-22-5) 33bad-1	1961	4810	415	Y	55	02/10/67	:	;	z	106	401		
355	(C-22-5) 33ccd-1	1950	4830	240	X	51	02//11//20	;	į	z	75	174		
356	(C-22-5) 33cdd-1	1959	4830	270	-	70	08/26/59	45	87	z	127	266		
357	(C-22-6) 2cbc-1	161	4690	380	Υ	116	10/01/77	;	į	z	200	380		
358	(C-22-6) 3daa-1	9261	4687	337	z	28	04/07/76	65	115	332	133	337	lava	
359	(C-22-6) 11acd-1	1965	4690	19	z	∞	05/26/65	ŀ	ł	53	ì	1	lava	
360	(C-22-6) 20bbb-1	1958	4747	152	¥	9/	85/00/90	;	;	z	22	1	lava	
361	(C-22-6) 32dad-1	1953	4700	400	Y	61	01/03/53	:	;	Z	26	231 MI	lava	
362	(C-22-6) 32dcc-1	1953	4700	115	ı	91	12/16/53	6	43	z	99	115	lava	
363	(C-22-6) 35ccc-1	1661	4770	152	*	20	07/31/91	ł	;	122	140	145	lava/bedrock well	
364	(C-22-7) 33daa-1	1959	4820	280	_	1	1	7	110	z	;	1		
365	(C-22-8) 5aaa-1	1949	4690	134	-	40	05/21/49	0	70	z	124	124		
396	(C-22-8) 12dca-1	1935	4750	70	-	39	11/24/35	0	50	z	50	50		
367	(C-23-5) 5acd-1	1959	4840	353	1	92	04/11/59	9	89	z	95	350	pra	
368	(C-23-5) 5adc-1	1952	4850	180	¥	89	10/05/50	;	1	z	73	180 MI		
369	(C-23-5) 6dbc-1	1964	4830	161	X	70	08/28/64	:	1	z	100	170		
370	(C-23-6) 2dad-1	1953	4800	400	>	}	1	1	1	Z	1	i		
371	(C-23-6) 3dbc-1	1950	4740	118	¥	32	10/25/50	:	:	66	ł	;	lava	
372	(C-23-6) 5cbc-1	1953	4710	162	1	35	04/00/53	5	41	64	ŀ	;	lava	ι
373	(C-23-6) 5ddc-1	1962	4705	132	_	42	01/20/65	10	52	72	95	1	lava	Ital
374	(C-23-6) 9bca-1	1957	4705	170	1	30	10/00/57	21	84	104	901	;	lava	h G
375	(C-23-6) 10bdd-1	1982	4750	504	_	64	04/26/82	0	32	489	325	425	lava	eo
376	(C-23-6) 10dda-1	1952	4780	200	Y	70	08/00/52	:	:	z	}	;	lava	log
377	(C-23-6) 10ddd-1	6261	4780	382	Y	82	05/15/79	i	;	z	222	382	lava	ica
378	(C-23-6) 15bbd-1	1949	4745	141	1	35	;	0	32	75	ł	:	basalt	I S
379	(C-23-6) 15bca-1	1963	4750	200	Y	81	10/03/63	;	;	z	ŀ	:	basalt	urv
380	(C-23-6) 16bad-1	1955	4720	130	_	43	04/30/55	0	83	117	83	117	lava	ey
381	(C-23-6) 16cdd-1	1950	4740	148		37	10/16/50	37	109	z	92	150	cinders	
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Bottom of perfor-ations (ft)	285	145	290	198	;	1	491	1	;	:	;	:	;
Top of perforations (ft)	115	130	70	72	;	i	317	;	;	i	;	1	;
Depth to bedrock (ft)	93	z	190	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z	z
Bottom of confining layer (ft)	32	112	70	72	;	75	317	35	99	140	70	20	191
Top of confining layer (ft)	4	25	œ	10	1	5	155	0	. 54	100	30	-	121
Water- level date	19/00/61	05/21/45	04/16/61	03/15/59	04/28/49	10/09/59	02/14/72	02/15/52	12/02/49	05/02/20	04/21/56	01/12/46	09/12/49
Water level (ft)	95	122	70	99	215	225	284	35	-	T +	+ F	+	뚜
Re- charge area	-		-	-	>	-	-	_	z	z	z	z	z
Well depth (ft)	285	150	290	200	237	390	700	800	245	200	210	115	181
Elev- ation (ft)	4790	4840	4770	4760	4920	4900	4960	4800	4575	4575	4575	4575	4560
Year well drilled	1961	1945	1961	1959	1949	1959	1972	1952	1949	1950	1956	1946	1949
Local well number	(C-23-6) 21cdd-1	(C-23-6) 22caa-1	(C-23-6) 28bbb-1	(C-23-6) 29baa-1	(C-23-6) 31ccb-1	(C-23-7) 16add-1	(C-23-7) 23ada-1	(C-23-9) 12dcc-1	(C-17-8) 25cba-1	(C-17-8) 26cca-1	(C-17-8) 36dab-1	(C-17-8) 36dad-1	(C-18-8) 4bbb-1
Site Number	383	384	385	386	387	388	389	390	391	392	393	394	395